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Containing the freſheſt Advices Foreign and Domeſtick.

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July 7, 1740.

Dear Sir,

AS you have asked my Opinion and Intentions concerning Mr. W———d, and going to hear him preach, and I cou'd not then give you a ſatisfactory Anſwer, with my Reaſons added; I ſhall now in a leiſure Moment give you them as ſhort as I can, with this Caution that I write only my own preſent Senſe, formed upon ſuch Accounts and Informations as have occaſionally fallen in my Way.

Since I profeſs myſelf a Member of the Church of England, and highly value that Priviledge, I would not do any Thing which may forfeit or miſ become that Character: Now I think it greatly misbecomes ſuch a Profeſſion and Character to countenance and encourage a Perſon, by attending his irregular Motions, who is under the Cenſure of our very learned, judicious and vigilant Dioceſan for a ſtrong Tincture of Enthuſiaſm, manifeſted in ſeveral of his Journals, his other Writings, and Preaching, as well as his Conduct. I have read Mr. W———d's Anſwer to that Charge, with Care, and endeavoured to ſatisfy myſelf farther by looking over his Journals, Sermons, Letters and other printed Papers, as alſo by a perſonal Converſation with him, and upon the Whole cannot but be confirmed in my Thoughts of the Juſtice of the Charge. And I think farther that ſo far is he from having vindicated himſelf, or acknowledged his Fault, and corrected his future Conduct, and humbly and thankfully ſubmitted to the Cenſure, that he has only endeavoured to evade it with Art, and anſwer it with a Pride and Inſolence very unbecoming an unexperienc'd Youth to a wiſe Superior, much more a Deacon or a Presbyter to his Biſhop.

I am ſenſible the Reaſons here offered affect me only as a Member of the Church of England, and one who thinks himſelf happy in continuing ſo. But ſuch Reaſons will be ſo far from diſcouraging thoſe of a different Way of thinking, that they have gained him the Bulk of his Hearers, and if I miſtake not, will continue to do ſo. All who are not ſteady Members of that Church upon ſound Reaſons, and Chriſtian Principles, all who diſſent from or oppoſe it, will for thoſe very Reaſons hear and encourage him; all who have a Grain of Enthuſiaſm will be drawn after him by a kind of ſympathetick Power: Eſpecially if this enthuſiaſtick Turn be not ballanced by a *right* and *ſteady Judgment*.

Hinc Philadelphiæ ſegges tam lætæ ſuperbum
Ornat et ardentem vatem ſuper æthera tollit.

All who have more Curioſity than Regard to true Piety, Peace, and Order will go to hear him: And how many can be excepted out of every one of theſe Claſſes I leave you to gueſs.

You may perhaps have obſerv'd or heard that when a Comet appears (which you know is a diſorderly kind of a *Star with a blaze*, that croſſes and interferes with the Paths & Motions of the regular Stars, Planets and other Heavenly Bodies) what Crowds are collected, and ſtand whole Mornings and Evenings a Gape, and a Ghaſt, at the new ſurprizing Sight! What curious Speculations, what witty Remarks, what wiſe Obſervations does the new Phantom give riſe to? He darts thro' this little planetary World, with incredible Speed and ſuperior Luſtre, outſtripping the ſlow and orderly Planets by Ten Millions of Miles in a Day, reproaching their lazy, liſtleſs indolent Courſe, their perpetual Basking in the Sun, and taking Pleaſure in the Variety and Beauty of the Seaſons which he makes.

He diſdains the leſſer Stars around him (which appear little to him only becauſe they are ſo far above him) he deſpiſes the faint and fading Light of the Planets, borrowed from the Sun in ſmall, regular and ordinary Portions; expoſes the Spots and Clouds and Vapours that obſcure and deform them: And boaſting himſelf in a native and ſuperior Light, beſtowed in an extraordinary Manner and Meaſure, he promiſes to add freſh Fewel to the Sun, to rekindle his Beams and ſnuff the Moon.

Sometimes he would ſeem to emulate the Sun himſelf, in diſpenſing Light and Heat to the cold benighted Regions that moſt want them: While theſe Bleſſings alas! are better provided and diſtributed by the conſtant and regular Courſes of the *greater* and *leſſer Lights* of Heaven; and 'tis a juſt Puniſhment to thoſe who will not open their Eyes and walk by their Light, to be miſled by a wandring diſorderly Comet.

Such an extraordinary Appearance may poſſibly in the Hand of a wiſe and good Providence be the Inſtrument of ſome good to the World, but I think they are generally apprehended to tend the other Way, to diſturb and inflame the Order of Nature,

and

and interrupt the regular Influences of the Heavenly Bodies.

Deep Philosophers threaten us that if the Fiery Train of a *Comet* should happen to brush over any Part of the Earth or any other Planet it would set all in a Flame; that the Influences of these irregular and eccentrick Bodies are thought to be hurtful wherever they reach; that they are frequently Fore-Runners and Instruments of Divine Judgments: And particularly Mr. *Whiston* is of Opinion that a *Comet* was one main Instrument of Flooding and Drowning the Earth. In this View the very Appearance of a Comet is a loud Call to the World to prepare for Judgment either Temporal or Eternal. And I wish the Appearance of Mr. W——d may have the same Effect.

You may possibly imagine I intend this short Account as an invidious Parallel, if you do, I leave you to draw the opposite Line in your own Imagination, and shall only add to my Side of it, that it is highly probable many of those so much reproached regular Stars and Planets, will continue to shine and move on, and to know their appointed Courses and Seasons, when the Comet self-consumed, or attempting to approach too near the Sun shall be exhaled, and vanish like a *Vapour*; at least in the feeble Eyes of us short sighted Mortals.

I am,
Dear Sir,
Your very humble Servt.

LONDON, *April* 19.

WE hear that Captain James Steuart Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Cumberland, a Third Rate of 80 Guns, whose Commission as Captain bears Date Jan. 14, 1708, is to be made an Admiral.

Yesterday was held a Board of Admiralty, when the Command of the St. George, a second Rate of 90 Guns lately put in Commission, was given to Capt. Thomas Griffin, Commander of the Princess Carolina.

It's said that three more Regiments of Foot will speedily be raised.

The Government expects every Day to hear what Success General *Oglethorpe*'s Attempt upon St. *Augustine* has met with.

The Peers Daughters that are to support the Princess Mary's Train at her intended Marriage are all appointed.

Forty private Gentlemen of the Earl of Hertford's Troop of Life-Guards are to wait in Stockings in the Chappel where the Ceremony is to be perform'd.

Commodore Lestock is to proceed immediately to the West-Indies, with 5 Men of War to reinforce Admiral Vernon.

Yesterday the Board of Admiralty appointed all the Officers of the Fire-ships lately commission'd, which are order'd to be got ready with the utmost Expedition.

Four Thousand Fire Arms, with 60,000 Flints, besides a vast Quantity of Powder, Bullets, &c. were last Week shipp'd for the West-Indies.

Some Medals are order'd to be struck at the Tower, on the taking of Porto Bello by Vice-Admiral VERNON, with six Men of War only.

The Spy Sloop is order'd to Jamaica, with Instructions for Admiral Vernon.

Admiral Balchen having receiv'd some particular Orders, sailed on Tuesday Morning from Spithead, with a Squadron under his Command.

It is said the Admiral is not to open his Commission, till he is in a certain Latitude.

The Captains of the Transport Ships lately taken up by the Commissioners of the Navy for the Service of the Government, among other Conditions, are articled to carry as many Guns as their Burthen will bear, and, if attack'd by an Enemy, to fight as long as they are able, or otherwise the Loss of their Ships to fall on themselves or Owners.

All the Officers belonging to the Marines have receiv'd Orders to repair forthwith to their respective Regiments, and we hear they are all to be encamp'd in the Isle of Wight: Which Island, 'tis said, the King will visit.

The Lords of Admiralty have lately been pleased to put the following Ships in Commission, viz.

The Colchester, 80 Guns.
The Torbay, 80 Guns.
The Cambridge, 80 Guns.
The Prince Frederick 70 Guns.
Oxford, 70 Guns.

We hear that the Marriage Articles between her Royal Highness the Princess Louisa, and the Prince Royal of Denmark were signed here on Sunday last.

They write from Copenhagen, that the King of Denmark has ordered all his Forces to be augmented with Eight Men to every Company, in 3 Months at farthest.

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The Nuptials of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Mary with Prince William of Heſſe, are to be celebrated at Kenſington Palace this Summer.

March 22.

A great Number of young Gentlemen intend to go Volunteers with the Right Honourable the Lord Cathcart, whoſe Field Equipage is preparing with all poſſible ſpeed, it being thought his Lordſhip will ſail in April next.

We hear that Seven more Bomb-Veſſels are order'd to be equipp'd with all poſſible Expedition.

Leghorn, March 29.

On the 29th *anchor'd in this Port his Britannick Majeſty's Ship the Kennington, Capt Robinſon Commander, with Four Merchant Ships from Great-Britain under his Convoy: The ſame Evening a Spaniſh Privateer ſail'd out of the Port, and ſoon after was follow'd by the Man of War; but we have not yet receiv'd any Information whether ſhe has been able to overtake the Privateer.*

Extract of a Letter from Gibraltar, Feb. 19.

"Such a ſtormy Winter has not been known by the oldeſt Perſon here; we have ſucceeding Rains for four Months; four Ships were loſt in the Bay, and ſeveral old Houſes fell down. In *Spain* they are in a much worſe Condition; their Corn is waſh'd out of the Ground; one Town is entirely deſtroy'd, and a whole Regiment was drown'd by the Exceſſiveneſs of the Rain pouring down from off the Hills upon them, they being in a Valley and upon the March. We live in no Fear of the Spaniards here, for they can't beſiege us if they would, becauſe the Ground betwixt us and them is overflowed, and will not be fit to erect any Batteries on this Summer.

PLYMOUTH, April 13.

On Wedneſday the 9th Inſtant ſail'd from hence Admiral Balchen, with the following Ships of War under his Command, viz. the Ruſſel, Capt. Charles Denniſon, of 80 Guns (the Flag Ship;) Norfolk, Capt. Thomas Graves of 80 Guns; Grafton, Capt. Thomas Davers of 70 Guns; and the Deptford, Capt. John Yee of 60 Guns. The Admiral ſteer'd directly for Cape Finiſtere, where he was to be join'd by Five of his Majeſty's Ships of War that have been cruizing off that Station, viz. three of 70 Guns each, one of 60, and another of 50; the Wind having continued fair ever ſince, 'tis generally believ'd the Squadron is by this time arriv'd before Cadiz.

CHARLESTOWN, July 12.

To-Morrow Morning (being Sunday) the Rev. Mr. Whitefield will preach at the uſual Place in this Town at 7 o'Clock: On Monday and Tueſday preaches in Town again Morning and Evenings at the uſual times and Places; and cannot go to Aſhley-Ferry (as he deſign'd) on Monday next, nor on Tueſday at Penpon, ſome particular Affairs having diſappointed him. At the Sunday Evening Sermon, he intends to make a Collection for the Orphans under his Care at Georgia.

Any Perſons who are willing to give any private Benefactions, Proviſions, &c. for the ſaid Orphans, may ſend them in to Mr. Wm. Laſſerre Merch. in Elliot-ſtreet.

Capt. Inglis who arrived here laſt Week from Portſmouth informs, that he was chaſed within 100 Leagues of our Bar by a large Spaniſh Privateer, ſuppos'd to be the ſame the New-York Privateers lately engag'd.

The ſaid Inglis brings Advice, that 3 Engliſh 70 Gun Ships had taken (after an Engagement of 6 Hours) a 90 Gun Spaniſh Man of War, double mann'd with pick'd Men out of the Fleet at Cadiz, being a pick'd Ship alſo. The Spaniards having Information that the Lizbon and Oporto Fleet, were under Convoy of only a 20 Gun Ship, fitted out this Man of War in order to take them, but they miſſed the whole Fleet, and met with theſe 3 Engliſh Men of War off Cape Finiſtere, where their Owners were changed.

Cuſtom Houſe, Charleſtown,

Entred Inwards,

Sloop Sarah, John Maſon, and
—— Midnight, Ja. Tucker from Georgia.
—— Speedwel, Clem. Hudſon from Providence.

Entred out.

Ship Glaſgow, Thos Marſhal for Cowes.
—— Sea Nymph, Ben. Beach for London.

Clear'd for Departure

Brigt Sam. & Mary, Geo: Janvrin to Boſton.
Sloop Midnight, Ja: Tucker to N York.
— Carolina, Robt. Shedden to Providence.

EXPORTED from Nov. 1, 1739.

	Barrels of	
Rice	64286.	Tarr 1812.
Pitch	8390.	Turpentine 101.

PRICE of the following Goods

Rice 35 s *per C.*	Turpentine 15 to 20 s.
Pitch 40 s.	Skins 18 6 d. to 19 6 d.
Tar 30 s.	Indian Corn 7 s. 6 d. to 10 s.

TO BE LET

Two very convenient large Tenements in *Broad-ſtreet* oppoſite to Mrs Sandwell's at the Upper End of ſaid ſtreet,

One wherein the Subſcriber formerly lived, containing 10 convenient Rooms five whereof have Fire Places together with 3 Store Houſes a Waſh houſe, Kitchen and 2 good Rooms over the Store houſe, a good pav'd Yard good Garden. The other wherein Mrs Harraſtond lately lately lived, containing 8 good Rooms, with 5 Fire places, together with a good Store houſe, Kitchen and a ſmall Garden. Enquire of the Subſcriber at his Plantation at Gooſe Creek, or of the Printer hereof.

John Martini

NOTICE is hereby given that a Poſt is to go from this Town conſtantly once a Month for Williamsburg in Virginia, and ſo to return to this Place.